Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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Requirement

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The Trade requests that the current option to file Aggregate Reconciliation's be retained. This allows importers to file consolidated revisions for the entire reconciliation period without apportioning the adjustments to individual entry summaries. Instead, lump sum adjustments are reported to Customs by tariff number, origin and special program indicator.

In addition, once Customs has been satisfied that its release control function requirement has been met, there should be no need to link reconciliation data back to individual releases (for either Aggregate or Entry by Entry Reconciliation's).

Business Need

Filers need the ability to perform real time queries against ACE to determine the baseline data, which will be subject to Reconciliation. In order to match data at the aggregate level, the system should either (a) provide the importer to see rolled up data at the same category level as will be subject to Aggregate Reconciliation (e.g., tariff #, origin, special program indicator) or (b) allow the filer to extract data in a format which can be easily sorted and totaled The system should not be programmed to require that the Aggregate Reconciliation be linked to specific entries, entry summaries or IASS's. Aggregate Reconciliation adjustments need not be allocated or apportioned to any specific transactions.

Current procedures should be preserved whereby the method of flagging does not dictate whether Aggregate Reconciliation versus entry summary (or IASS) by entry summary Reconciliation is performed. For example, entry by entry flagging may be used for notice of intent to reconcile even if an Aggregate Reconciliation is filed.

A filer should be able to clear all flags by indicating that the Aggregate Reconciliation is intended to relieve all flags for the particular IOR.

An Aggregate Reconciliation may be filed at any time up to the deadline and the filer may certify that it is complete.

Technical Need

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[1] Richard M. Belanger, ERP III Letter to Stuart Seidel, April 10, 2001.

Benefits

Provides a great cost savings by obviating the need to tie broad adjustments (e.g., financial adjustments covering multiple products and imports) back to specific summary declarations.

Risks

Related Subcommittees

Priority: **Critical** ☐   **High** ☐   **Medium** ☐   **Low** ☐